

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A glass-ceramic plate configured to cover heating elements, the glass-ceramic plate comprising:

a body including a glass-ceramic material, the body having an upper surface and a lower surface; and

at least one bevel 35 mm or more wide formed at a first edge of the upper surface, the at least one bevel having a thickness in a direction perpendicular to the lower surface of the glass-ceramic plate decreasing along the bevel in a direction from an interior portion of the glass-ceramic plate to the first edge, and a ratio of width of the at least one bevel to a height of the at least one bevel is less than 23.3.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 16, wherein the at least one bevel receives one or more mechanisms configured to control the heating elements.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 16, wherein the at least one bevel follows a raised portion, and the thickness of the glass-ceramic plate at a top of the raised portion is less than or equal to twice a standard thickness of the glass-ceramic plate.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 16, wherein a thickness of at least 2 mm is left in the glass-ceramic plate at a thinnest point of the at least one bevel.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 16, wherein the glass-ceramic plate includes the upper surface bearing the at least one bevel, and the lower surface remains approximately flat, smooth, or equipped with pegs, where facing the at least one bevel.

Claim 21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 16, wherein the at least one bevel follows a raised portion, the at least one bevel extending over at least one of a part of a width of the raised portion and a part of a width of the glass-ceramic plate outside the raised portion.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A glass-ceramic plate configured to cover heating elements, the glass-ceramic plate comprising:

a body including a glass-ceramic material, the body having a first surface and a second surface substantially parallel to the first surface;

at least one raised portion formed above the first surface with a first thickness of the raised portion greater than a thickness of the glass-ceramic plate outside the raised portion, a ratio of width of the raised portion to a height of the raised portion being less than 23.3; and

at least one tapered portion following the at least one raised portion tapering from the first thickness of the at least one raised portion to a reduced thickness toward an edge of the glass-ceramic plate.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): A method for beveling a plate, such as a glass-ceramic plate, comprising:

forming at least one raised portion on the plate and beveling from the raised portion.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn): A method for manufacturing a plate such as a glass-ceramic plate, in which at least one bevel is cut using the method as claimed in claim 24.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn): The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the raised portion is generated at a same time as the at least one bevel, for example by a rolling operation.

Claim 27 (Withdrawn): The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the at least one bevel following a raised portion is obtained in at least two steps, the first step generating a raised portion on the plate, for example by rolling, and the second step beveling from the raised portion.

Claim 28 (Withdrawn): The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the at least one bevel is on one side of the plate, an opposite side remaining approximately flat, smooth, or equipped with pegs where facing the at least one bevel.

Claim 29 (Withdrawn): The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the raised portion or portions may be generated on leaving a furnace on a malleable precursor glass during operation of rolling to shape, then after any possible cutting and/or shaping of the plates and, if necessary after decoration, each plate is ceramified then beveled, or alternatively may be beveled before being ceramified, the beveling being done at the raised portion or portions.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): A cooking and/or temperature-maintaining device, comprising:

one or more heating elements; and

a glass-ceramic plate configured to cover the one or more heating elements, the glass-ceramic plate including

an upper surface and a lower surface, and

at least one bevel 35 mm or more wide formed at a first edge of the upper surface,

the at least one bevel having a thickness in a direction perpendicular to the lower surface of the glass-ceramic plate decreasing along the bevel in a direction from an interior portion of the glass-ceramic plate to the first edge, and a ratio of width of the at least one bevel to a height of the at least one bevel is less than 23.3.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 16, wherein the thickness of the glass-ceramic plate along the at least one bevel tapers from a first thickness to a second thickness, the second thickness being less than a normal thickness of the glass-ceramic plate outside of the at least one bevel.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 23, wherein the reduced thickness is smaller than a normal thickness of the glass-ceramic plate outside of the at least one tapered portion and the at least one raised portion.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): A cooking and/or temperature-maintaining device, comprising:

one or more heating elements; and

a glass-ceramic plate configured to cover the one or more heating elements, the glass-ceramic plate including

a first surface and a second surface substantially parallel to the first surface,

at least one raised portion formed above the first surface with a first thickness of the raised portion greater than a thickness of the glass-ceramic plate outside the raised portion, and

at least one tapered portion following the at least one raised portion tapering from the first thickness of the at least one raised portion to a reduced thickness toward an edge of the glass-ceramic plate, and a ratio of width of the at least one bevel to a height of the at least one bevel is less than 23.3.

Claim 34 (New): A glass-ceramic plate configured to cover heating elements, the glass-ceramic plate comprising:

a body including a glass-ceramic material, the body having an upper surface and a lower surface; and

at least one bevel 35 mm or more wide formed at a first edge of the upper surface, the at least one bevel having a thickness in a direction perpendicular to the lower surface of the glass-ceramic plate decreasing along the bevel in a direction from an interior

portion of the glass-ceramic plate to the first edge, the glass-ceramic plate including the upper surface bearing the at least one bevel, and the lower surface includes pegs where facing the at least one bevel.

Claim 35 (New): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 34, wherein the at least one bevel receives one or more mechanisms configured to control the heating elements.

Claim 36 (New): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 34, wherein the at least one bevel follows a raised portion, and the thickness of the glass-ceramic plate at a top of the raised portion is less than or equal to twice a standard thickness of the glass-ceramic plate.

Claim 37 (New): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 34, wherein a thickness of at least 2 mm is left in the glass-ceramic plate at a thinnest point of the at least one bevel.

Claim 38 (New): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 34, wherein a ratio of width of the at least one bevel to a height of the at least one bevel is less than 23.3.

Claim 39 (New): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 34, wherein the at least one bevel follows a raised portion, the at least one bevel extending over at least one of a part of a width of the raised portion and a part of a width of the glass-ceramic plate outside the raised portion.

Claim 40 (New): A glass-ceramic plate configured to cover heating elements, the glass-ceramic plate comprising:

a body including a glass-ceramic material, the body having a first surface and a second surface substantially parallel to the first surface;

at least one raised portion formed above the first surface with a first thickness of the raised portion greater than a thickness of the glass-ceramic plate outside the raised portion, the glass-ceramic plate including the first surface below the at least one raised portion, and the second surface includes pegs where facing the at least one raised portion; and

at least one tapered portion following the at least one raised portion tapering from the first thickness of the at least one raised portion to a reduced thickness toward an edge of the glass-ceramic plate.

Claim 41 (New): A cooking and/or temperature-maintaining device, comprising:
one or more heating elements; and
a glass-ceramic plate configured to cover the one or more heating elements, the glass-ceramic plate including

an upper surface and a lower surface, and

at least one bevel 35 mm or more wide formed at a first edge of the upper surface,

the at least one bevel having a thickness in a direction perpendicular to the lower surface of the glass-ceramic plate decreasing along the bevel in a direction from an interior portion of the glass-ceramic plate to the first edge, the glass-ceramic plate including the upper surface bearing the at least one bevel, and the lower surface includes pegs where facing the at least one bevel.

Claim 42 (New): A cooking and/or temperature-maintaining device, comprising:
one or more heating elements; and

a glass-ceramic plate configured to cover the one or more heating elements, the glass-ceramic plate including

a first surface and a second surface substantially parallel to the first surface,
at least one raised portion formed above the first surface with a first thickness of the raised portion greater than a thickness of the glass-ceramic plate outside the raised portion, and

at least one tapered portion following the at least one raised portion tapering from the first thickness of the at least one raised portion to a reduced thickness toward an edge of the glass-ceramic plate, the glass-ceramic plate including the upper surface bearing the at least one bevel, and the second surface includes pegs where facing the at least one raised portion.